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FOR SONNENFELDT FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SOVIET ACTIONS ON KISSINGER AFRICA TRIP

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THE REPORTS ON SOVIET EFFORTS
TO TORPEDO THE PRESENT EXERCISE ON WHICH THE SECRETARY
IS ENGAGED. IF YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE TO DO SO,
HE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CALL IN WHOMEVER IS NOW IN CHARGE
OF SOVIET EMBASSY AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WE HAVE NOTED VARIOUS SOVIET STATEMENTS
CRITICAL OF THE SECREATRY OF STATE AND HAS AFRICAN
EFFORT;

B. WE WOULD NOTE THATTHE USG HAS NEVER ATTACKED
GROMYKO PERSONALLY;

C. WE CONSIDER THE EFFORT THE SOVIETS ARE NOW
ENGAGED IN TO BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

2. IF YOU HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF
THIS STEP, OR WANT TO CHANGE, OR ADD TO THE POINTS
ABOVE, LET US KNOW.
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